

1 Corinthians 3:9 NLT

For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

Isaiah 58:11-12 TPT

11Yahweh will always guide you where to go and what to do. He will fill you with refreshment even when you are in a dry, difficult place. He will continually restore strength to you, so you will flourish like a well-watered garden and like an ever-flowing, trustworthy spring of blessing.

12Your people will rebuild long-deserted ruins, building anew on foundations laid long before you. You will be known as Repairers of the Cities and Restorers of Communities.

Hebrews 13:5-6 TPT

For hasn't he promised you, "I will never leave you, never! And I will not loosen my grip on your life!" 6 So we can say with great confidence: "I know the Lord is for me and I will never be afraid of what people may do to me!"

Hope  
Does Not Disappoint!



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## Romans 5:1-8 NIV

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Would you trade your relationship with the Holy Spirit for an in-person meeting with Jesus?

John 16:7 NLT

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

John 16:6 NLT

Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you.

John 16:6 ESV

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

- So during this year I think it is important for us to ask, what does the Bible really say about the Holy Spirit?
- Do I really want an encounter or experience with the Holy Spirit?

## Next Generation

Each generation must discover the gospel afresh for itself. What sounded like good news to previous generations often sounds like mediocre news to younger generations.

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- Younger generations ask entirely different questions, like "What does it mean for me to thrive as a human being?"

- Millennials and Gen Z have higher levels of anxiety than any other generation.

- Western culture is slowly making a shift from a guilt-and-innocence culture to a shame-and-honor culture.

## Promise for 2023

Romans 5:5 NLT

... For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:5 ESV

... because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 TPT

...because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!